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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney/Agent *Mr. Thomas M. Cunningham* on *March 18, 2010*.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claim

Claim 10, last line, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 11, last line, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 20, line 1, "of claim 19 that" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to claim 19, which--.

Claim 21, line 1, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 22, line 1, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 23, line 1, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 24, line 1, "of claim 19 which is made by:" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to claim 19, which is prepared by a process comprising:--.

Claim 25, line 1, "of" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --according to--.

Claim 25, last line, "a binder that is boehmite" has been changed to recite --a boehmite binder--.

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Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on 02/12/10 has been made of record and entered. Claims 1, 7-8, & 12-18 have been amended. Claims 2-6 have been canceled. Claims 19-25 have been added.
- Claims 1 & 7-25 are currently pending in this application.

Status of Withdrawn Claim(s)

3. Claims 8-11 were previously withdrawn. They have now been rejoined with the elected product claims since the product claims are now found allowable.

Response to Applicants' Arguments

4. The remarks filed on 02/12/10 have been fully considered, the arguments are deemed persuasive. The 1.132 Declaration filed on 02/12/10 has also been reviewed and considered. The Declaration appears to compare the claimed subject matter with the subject matter of the closest prior art made of record.

Citations

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. All references are cited for related art. See PTO-892 Form prepared attached.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1 & 7-25 are pending. Claims 1 & 7-25 are allowed.

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Contacts

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner CAM N. NGUYEN, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, at alternative work site.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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